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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We have obtained data on the contributions made by the U.S. Government and those pledged by other donors during the period July 1, 1971, to April 30, 1972, for humanitarian assistance to disaster victims in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) and India. These data have been analyzed and presented in our enclosures to this letter to show the relationship of the U.S. Government contributions to the total worldwide contributions for that period.

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These enclosures were developed in response to the request of the Senate Committee on Appropriations in its January 1972 report on the fiscal year 1972 Foreign Assistance and Related Programs Appropriation Bill and in accordance with our discussions with your Subcommittee's office. A February 1972 conference report set forth the belief that the United States should try to limit the funds for obligation to an amount not more than 40 percent of all contributions provided for such assistance.

The data presented in the enclosures are based on the best information made available to us. We obtained the data concerning the U.S. contributions from documents made available by the Departments of State and Agriculture and by the Agency for International Development. Amounts of contributions pledged by other donors were obtained from summary reports prepared by the United Nations, the Department of State, and the Agency for International Development.

The amounts shown in the enclosures as contributions of the U.S. Government are those authorized and provided or those expected to be provided. Those amounts represent actual or estimated delivered costs to the U.S. Government of the resources contributed or authorized to be contributed.

We could not confirm the correctness of the amounts shown in the enclosures as pledges of donors, other than the amounts for the U.S. Government, nor could we ascertain their status. U.S. officials

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told us, however, that they considered these pledges to be valid international obligations and that they knew of no reason why these obligations would not be honored.

We have not obtained agency comments on this letter.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. We believe that the contents of this letter would also be of interest to other committees and Members of the Congress. However, further distribution of the letter will be made only after your agreement has been obtained or public announcement has been made by you concerning its contents.

Sincerely yours,

  
Comptroller General  
of the United States

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The Honorable William Proxmire, Chairman  
Foreign Operations Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
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## ENCLOSURE I

SUMMARY OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO DISASTER VICTIMS IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH  
JULY 1, 1971, TO APRIL 30, 1972

<u>Donors</u>	Bangladesh (Note a) -----	India (Note b) -----	Total -----	Percent of total contributions
	(000 omitted)			
U.S. Government	\$178,995	\$ 65,052	\$ 244,047	20
Governments of other nations	376,692	445,879	822,571	69
Nongovernment	<u>81,382</u>	<u>47,076</u>	<u>128,458</u>	<u>11</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$637,069</u>	<u>\$558,007</u>	<u>\$1,195,076</u>	<u>100</u>

<sup>a</sup> See enc. II.

<sup>b</sup> See enc. III.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO  
DISASTER VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH  
JULY 1, 1971, TO APRIL 30, 1972

<u>Donors</u>	Before India-Pakistan War 7-1-71 to 12-3-71 (000 omitted)	Per- cent	After India-Pakistan War 12-17-71 to 4-30-72 (000 omitted)	Per- cent	Total contri- butions (000 omitted)	Per- cent
U.S. Government (note a)	\$45,125 <sup>b</sup>	52	\$133,870 <sup>c</sup>	24	\$178,995	28
Governments of other nations (note a)	40,867	47	335,825	61	376,692	59
Nongovernment	<u>722</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>80,660</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>81,382</u>	<u>13</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$86,714</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$550,355</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$637,069</u>	<u>100</u>

<sup>a</sup> Available reports showed that contributions of \$1.5 million had been made for programs in Bangladesh by a U.N. agency from its regular budgeted funds. These contributions have been reclassified and are included above with those made by the United States (\$765,000) and by other U.N. member nations (\$735,000).

<sup>b</sup> Excludes:

--Two authorizations, totaling about \$47 million, for about 523,000 metric tons of wheat and about 26,000 metric tons of vegetable oil. These authorizations will not be implemented.

--About \$20 million for 83,400 metric tons of wheat and 57,600 metric tons of rice which were shipped to Bangladesh under a Title I, Public Law 480 agreement dated August 6, 1971. These commodities were diverted in shipment and will not be replaced. That agreement provided for a grant of 93 percent of the proceeds of the sale to the Government of Pakistan for relief and rehabilitation uses. Accordingly, 93 percent of the value of delivered commodities, or \$1.5 million, has been included above.

--About \$11 million in grants of Pakistani rupees that were not implemented.

<sup>c</sup> Includes about \$29 million for 175,000 metric tons of wheat and rice, which were originally authorized in October 1971 for donation to the Government of Pakistan. These commodities were reprogrammed in March 1972 for donation to the Government of Bangladesh. The contributions are not included in our prewar total above.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO  
EAST PAKISTANI REFUGEES IN INDIA  
JULY 1, 1971, TO APRIL 30, 1972

<u>Donors</u>	<u>Contributions (000 omitted)</u>	<u>Percent</u>
U.S. Government (note a)	\$ 65,052	11
Governments of other nations (note a)	445,879 <sup>b</sup>	79
Nongovernment	<u>47,076</u>	<u>10</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$558,007</u>	<u>100</u>

<sup>a</sup> Available reports showed that contributions of \$3.7 million had been made for programs in India by two U.N. agencies from their regular budgeted funds. These contributions have been reclassified and are included above with those made by the United States (\$1.8 million) and by other U.N. member nations (\$1.9 million).

<sup>b</sup> Includes Government of India's estimate of its \$320 million contribution.